

*Amendment*

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2001, the period for response to which having been extended to May 14, 2002, by the accompanying Petition for extension of time and fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete page 10, line 14, through page 28, last line.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 19, 39, and 56 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1, 19, 39, and 56 showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Amended) A viewfinder optical system for facilitating a reduction in the size an optical system to which said viewfinder optical system is attached without increasing at least one of the incidence of ghost images and decentering aberration, comprising:
- an objective lens unit for inverting an object image;
  - an image inverting unit for converting the inverted object image formed via said objective lens unit into a non-inverted erecting image; and
  - an eyepiece lens unit for observing the non-inverted erecting image,